

RIO GRANDE WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 08, 2020
TCEQ/RGWM OFFICE, HARLINGEN, TX
2:00 P.M.- 2:40 P.M.

MINUTES

- I. Chair, Sonny Hinojosa called the meeting to Order.** Six Committee members were present and 4 were on the phone.
- II. Self-introductions were made.**
- III. Minutes of July 02, 2019, Meeting:**

The minutes of July 02, 2019 were presented. A motion was made by Tom McLemore, seconded by Sonia Lambert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.
- IV. Watermaster Program Updates and Reports: Laurie Gharis**
 - A) Financial Reports:**

Laurie Gharis presented the Financial Report. The 2019 expenditures were less than expected due to salaries and fringe benefits being below budget. The revenues collected were also less than expected. FY19 came in under budget. The FY20 budget was presented, the FY20 budget includes the purchase of one new vehicle. The FY20 1st quarter report will be presented at the next meeting. The collection rate on assessments is projected at 98% for FY20. The fund balance as of 8/31/2019 was \$605,602.92.
- V. Watermaster Report: Jose (Lupe) Luna**

Lupe Luna reported that as of December 28, 2019, the US storage in both reservoirs was 55.78%, amounting to 1,878,415 acre-feet. Amistad is storing 1,376,586 acre-feet and Falcon is storing 501,829 acre-feet. Mexico storage in both reservoirs was 16.4%.
- VI. Report on Mexico water deliveries: Laurie Gharis**

Sonny emailed Laurie Gharis prior to the meeting asking her if she could give an update on a recent Binational Meeting. We heard that Mexico had agreed to start releasing water. Laurie Gharis reported that she asked upper management and they requested that any specific questions be deferred to the Deputy Director L'Oreal Stepney. Mexico has delivered 1,265,809 acre feet as of 12/28/2019. They are 196,000 acre feet behind on deliveries based on linear target delivery rate.
- VII. El Morillo Drain update: Lupe Luna**

Lupe Luna reported that the salinity reading at Anzalduas was 900 ppm.
- VIII. Public Comments and Concerns:**

None

IX. Future Meetings:

The next meeting will be scheduled for April 22, at 2 p.m.

X. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED ON THIS, THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2020

_____, CHAIR

_____, SECRETARY